Amendments to Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-29.   (Cancelled)

30.   (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating a request for quotes from ~~a plurality of~~ request for quote (RFQ) ~~providers~~ provider systems, comprising:

receiving, by a computer based RFQ enrollment system, user data ~~in an RFQ enrollment system~~, wherein the user data ~~including~~ includes information related to a user and information related to ~~at least one~~ a quote desired by the user;

receiving, by the computer based system, quote provider data from each of the ~~plurality of~~ RFQ ~~providers~~ provider systems in the computer based RFQ enrollment system, wherein the quote provider data ~~including~~ includes information related to quotes that can be provided by each RFQ provider system in the computer based RFQ enrollment system, and wherein each ~~of the plurality of~~ RFQ ~~providers~~ provider system requests quotes from ~~a plurality of~~ suppliers and sends quotes to ~~a plurality of users~~ user;

~~registering the user, using the information related to the user, with the RFQ enrollment system;~~

~~transmitting the user data to the plurality of RFQ providers;~~

~~enrolling the user with~~ supplying, by the computer based system, the ~~plurality of~~ RFQ ~~providers~~ provider systems with the user data ~~using the information related to the user~~, wherein the user data is supplied to the RFQ provider systems prior to the user receiving any quotes from the ~~plurality of~~ RFQ ~~providers~~ provider systems;

~~sending~~ transmitting, by the computer based system, a first notification of enrollment ~~to the user from~~ in the computer based RFQ enrollment system; ~~and~~

transmitting, by the computer based system, a second notification of enrollment ~~to the user from at least one of the plurality of~~ in a distinct RFQ provider system in the computer based RFQ enrollment system ~~providers~~, ~~after~~ wherein the second notification is transmitted ~~enrollment at the at least one of the plurality of RFQ providers and~~ prior to the user receiving any quotes from the ~~plurality of~~ RFQ ~~providers~~ provider systems, wherein the second notification of enrollment includes a request for user profiling information that will not be shared with the computer based RFQ enrollment system, wherein ~~the user~~ profiling information is sent ~~to from the user~~ to ~~the at least one of~~ the distinct ~~plurality~~

~~of~~ RFQ ~~providers~~ provider system, and wherein ~~by bypassing~~ the computer based RFQ enrollment system is not utilized in the sending of the profiling information;

soliciting, by the computer based system, ~~at least one quote from~~ a supplier data, wherein the supplier data comprises a quote from a supplier ~~based on the at least one quote desired by the user~~; and

receiving, by the computer based system, ~~at least one~~ a quote, wherein the quote is received from ~~at least one of the plurality of RFQ providers or~~ the supplier based ~~at least~~ in part on the information related to the ~~at least one~~ quote desired by the user.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 30, further comprising[[:]] providing, by the computer based system, ~~to the user~~ a confirmation of the registration of the user data ~~with~~ in the computer based RFQ enrollment system, wherein the enrollment confirmation is provided to the user.

32. (Cancelled).

33. (Cancelled).

34. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 30, further comprising[[:]] providing to the user ~~the at least one~~ a quote from the ~~at least one of the plurality of~~ distinct RFQ ~~providers~~ provider system.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 34, further comprising [[:]] billing, by the computer based system, the user ~~if~~ in response to a determination that the user accepts the ~~at least one~~ quote from ~~the at least one of~~ the ~~plurality of~~ distinct RFQ ~~providers~~ provider system.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 30, further comprising requesting additional information from the user to be provided to ~~at least one of~~ the ~~plurality of~~ RFQ ~~providers~~ provider systems ~~in reply to a request by the at least one of the plurality of RFQ providers for the additional information~~.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 30, further comprising:
receiving information related to the ~~plurality of~~ RFQ ~~providers~~ provider systems; and
registering the ~~plurality of~~ RFQ ~~providers~~ provider systems[[,]] using the information related to the ~~plurality of~~ RFQ ~~providers~~ provider systems[[,]] with the computer based RFQ enrollment system.

38. (Currently Amended) A computer based RFQ enrollment system, comprising:

<u>a computer network communicating with a memory;</u>

<u>the memory communicating with a processor; and</u>

<u>the processor, when executing a computer program for facilitating a request for quotes from</u>
<u>request for quote (RFQ) provider systems, is configured to:</u>

~~An RFQ enrollment system for facilitating a request for quotes from a plurality of request for quote~~
~~(RFQ) providers, comprising:~~

~~a web server operable to:~~

~~allow a user to input and transmit user data, the user data including information related~~
~~to a user and information related to at least one quote desired by the user, and~~

~~allow each of the plurality of RFQ providers, each of which requests quotes from a~~
~~plurality of suppliers and sends quotes to a plurality of users, to input and transmit quote provider data,~~
~~the quote provider data including information related to quotes that can be provided by each RFQ~~
~~provider;~~

~~an application server operable to:~~

~~receive the user data,~~

~~receive the quote provider data,~~

~~register the user, using the information related to the user, with the RFQ enrollment~~
~~system,~~

~~transmit the user data to the plurality of RFQ providers,~~

~~enroll the user with the plurality of RFQ providers using the information related to the~~
~~user, prior to the user receiving any quotes from the plurality of RFQ providers,~~

~~send a first notification of enrollment to the user after enrollment with at least one of the~~
~~plurality of RFQ providers and prior to the user receiving any quotes from the plurality of RFQ~~
~~providers, and~~

~~receive at least one quote from at least one of the plurality of RFQ providers or a~~
~~supplier based at least in part on the information related to the at least one quote desired by the user;~~

~~wherein the at least one of the plurality of RFQ providers sends a second notification of~~
~~enrollment to the user, after enrollment with the at least one of the plurality of RFQ providers and prior~~
~~to the user receiving any quotes from the plurality of RFQ providers, the second notification of~~
~~enrollment including a request for user profiling information that will not be shared with the RFQ~~
~~enrollment system,~~

~~wherein the user profiling information is sent from the user to the at least one of the plurality of RFQ providers by bypassing the RFQ enrollment system, and~~

~~wherein the at least one of the plurality of RFQ providers solicits at least one quote from the supplier based on the at least one quote desired by the user~~

receive user data, wherein the user data includes information related to a user and information related to a quote desired by the user;

receive quote provider data from each of the RFQ provider systems in the computer based RFQ enrollment system, wherein the quote provider data includes information related to quotes that can be provided by each RFQ provider system in the computer based RFQ enrollment system, and wherein each RFQ provider system requests quotes from suppliers and sends quotes to a user;

supply the RFQ provider systems with the user data, wherein the user data is supplied to the RFQ provider systems prior to the user receiving any quotes from the RFQ provider systems;

transmit a first notification of enrollment from the RFQ enrollment system;

transmit a second notification of enrollment in a distinct the RFQ provider system in the computer based RFQ enrollment system, wherein the second notification is transmitted prior to the user receiving any quotes from the RFQ provider systems, wherein the second notification of enrollment includes a request for user profiling information that will not be shared with the computer based RFQ enrollment system, wherein profiling information is sent to the distinct RFQ provider system, and wherein the computer based RFQ enrollment system is not utilized in the sending of the profiling information;

solicit supplier data, wherein the supplier data comprises a quote from a supplier; and

receive a quote, wherein the quote is received from the supplier based in part on the information related to the quote desired by the user.

39.   (Currently Amended) The computer based RFQ enrollment system of Claim 38, ~~wherein the application server is further operable to provide to the user, via the web server,~~ wherein the processor is further configured to provide to the user a confirmation of the registration of the user data with the RFQ enrollment system.

40.   (Cancelled).

41.   (Cancelled).

42. (Currently Amended) The computer based RFQ enrollment system of Claim 38, ~~wherein the application server is further operable to~~ wherein the processor is further configured to provide to the user, via the web server, the ~~at least one~~ quote from ~~the at least one of~~ the distinct ~~plurality of~~ RFQ ~~providers~~ provider system.

43. (Currently Amended) The computer based RFQ enrollment system of Claim 42, ~~wherein the application server is further operable to~~ wherein the processor is further configured to bill the user ~~if~~ in response to a determination that the user accepts the ~~at least one~~ quote from the ~~at least one of the plurality of~~ distinct RFQ ~~providers~~ provider system.

44. (Currently Amended) The computer based RFQ enrollment system of Claim 38, ~~wherein the application server is further operable to~~ wherein the processor is further configured to request additional information from the user to be provided to ~~at least one of~~ the ~~plurality of~~ RFQ ~~providers~~ provider systems.

45. (Currently Amended) The computer based RFQ enrollment system of Claim 38, ~~wherein the application server is further operable to~~ wherein the processor is further configured to receive information related to the ~~plurality of~~ RFQ ~~providers~~ provider systems, and to register the ~~plurality of~~ RFQ ~~providers~~ provider systems, using the information related to the ~~plurality of~~ RFQ ~~providers~~ provider systems, with the computer based RFQ enrollment system.

46. (Currently Amended) A ~~system for facilitating a request for quotes from a plurality of request for quote (RFQ) providers, comprising:~~

~~means for receiving (1) user data in an RFQ enrollment system, the user data including information related to a user and information related to at least one quote desired by the user, and (2) quote provider data in the RFQ enrollment system, the quote provider data including information related to quotes that can be provided by each RFQ provider;~~

~~means for registering the user, using the information related to the user, with the RFQ enrollment system;~~

~~means for transmitting the user data to the plurality of RFQ providers, wherein each of the plurality of RFQ providers requests quotes from a plurality of suppliers and sends quotes to a plurality of users;~~

~~means for enrolling the user with the plurality of RFQ providers using the information related to the user, prior to receiving any quotes from the plurality of RFQ providers;~~

~~means for sending a first notification of enrollment to the user from the RFQ enrollment system and a second notification of enrollment to the user from at least one of the plurality of RFQ providers, after enrollment at the at least one of the plurality of RFQ providers and prior to the user receiving any quotes from the plurality of RFQ providers, wherein the second notification of enrollment includes a request for user profiling information that will not be shared with the RFQ enrollment system;~~

~~means for sending the user profiling information from the user to the at least one of the plurality of RFQ providers by bypassing the RFQ enrollment system;~~

~~means for soliciting at least one quote from a supplier based on the at least one quote desired by the user; and~~

~~means for receiving at least one quote from at least one of the plurality of RFQ providers or the supplier based at least in part on the information related to the at least one quote desired by the user~~

non-transitory computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions for facilitating a request for quotes from request for quote (RFQ) provider systems, the plurality of instructions, when executed by a processor, are configured to cause the processor to perform the method comprising:

receiving user data, wherein the user data includes information related to a user and information related to a quote desired by the user;

receiving, quote provider data from each of the RFQ provider systems in the computer based RFQ enrollment system, wherein the quote provider data includes information related to quotes that can be provided by each RFQ provider system, and wherein each RFQ provider system requests quotes from suppliers and sends quotes to a user;

supplying the RFQ provider systems with the user data, wherein the user data is supplied to the RFQ provider systems prior to the user receiving any quotes from the RFQ provider systems;

transmitting a first notification of enrollment from the computer based RFQ enrollment system;

transmitting a second notification of enrollment with a distinct RFQ provider system in the computer based RFQ enrollment system, wherein the second notification is transmitted prior to the user receiving any quotes from the RFQ provider systems, wherein the second notification of enrollment includes a request for user profiling information that will not be shared with the computer based RFQ enrollment system, wherein profiling information is sent to the distinct RFQ provider

system, and wherein the computer based RFQ enrollment system is not utilized in the sending of the profiling information;

soliciting supplier data, wherein the supplier data comprises a quote from a supplier; and

receiving a quote, wherein the quote is received from the supplier based in part on the information related to the quote desired by the user.

47. (Currently Amended) The medium system of Claim 46, further comprising[[:]] means for providing to the user a confirmation of the registration of the user data with the computer based RFQ enrollment system.

48. (Cancelled).

49. (Cancelled).

50. (Currently Amended) The medium system of Claim 46, further comprising [[:]] means for providing to the user the at least one quote from the distinct at least one of the plurality of RFQ providers provider system.

51. (Currently Amended) The medium system of Claim 50, further comprising [[:]] means for billing the user if in response to a determination that the user accepts the at least one quote from the at least one of the plurality of distinct RFQ providers provider system.

52. (Currently Amended) The medium system of Claim 46, further comprising[[:]] means for requesting additional information from the user to be provided to at least one of the plurality of the RFQ providers provider systems in reply to a request by the at least one of the plurality of RFQ providers for the additional information.

53. (Currently Amended) The medium system of Claim 46, further comprising:

means for receiving information related to the plurality of RFQ providers provider systems; and

means for registering the plurality of RFQ providers provider systems, using the information related to the plurality of RFQ providers provider systems, with the computer based RFQ enrollment system.